

I yield the floor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the Geraghty nomination, which the clerk will report.

The bill clerk read the nomination of Sarah Elisabeth Geraghty, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

VOTE ON GERAGHTY NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Geraghty nomination?

Mr. LEAHY. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 48, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 124 Ex.]

YEAS—52

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| Baldwin | Heinrich | Reed |
| Bennet | Hickenlooper | Rosen |
| Blumenthal | Hirono | Sanders |
| Booker | Kaine | Schatz |
| Brown | Kelly | Schumer |
| Cantwell | King | Shaheen |
| Cardin | Klobuchar | Sinema |
| Carper | Leahy | Smith |
| Casey | Lujan | Stabenow |
| Collins | Manchin | Tester |
| Coons | Markey | Van Hollen |
| Cortez Masto | Menendez | Warner |
| Duckworth | Merkley | Warnock |
| Durbin | Murphy | Warren |
| Feinstein | Murray | Whitehouse |
| Gillibrand | Ossoff | Wyden |
| Graham | Padilla | |
| Hassan | Peters | |

NAYS—48

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| Barrasso | Grassley | Portman |
| Blackburn | Hagerty | Risch |
| Blunt | Hawley | Romney |
| Boozman | Hoeben | Rounds |
| Braun | Hyde-Smith | Rubio |
| Burr | Inhofe | Sasse |
| Capito | Johnson | Scott (FL) |
| Cassidy | Kennedy | Scott (SC) |
| Cornyn | Lankford | Shelby |
| Cotton | Lee | Sullivan |
| Cramer | Lummis | Thune |
| Crapo | Marshall | Tillis |
| Cruz | McConnell | Toomey |
| Daines | Moran | Tuberville |
| Ernst | Murkowski | Wicker |
| Fischer | Paul | Young |

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of the Castner nomination, which the clerk will report.

The bill clerk read the nomination of Georgette Castner, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

VOTE ON CASTNER NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Castner nomination?

Mr. MURPHY. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR).

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 125 Ex.]

YEAS—52

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| Baldwin | Heinrich | Reed |
| Bennet | Hickenlooper | Rosen |
| Blumenthal | Hirono | Sanders |
| Booker | Kaine | Schatz |
| Brown | Kelly | Schumer |
| Cantwell | King | Shaheen |
| Cardin | Klobuchar | Sinema |
| Carper | Leahy | Smith |
| Casey | Lujan | Stabenow |
| Collins | Manchin | Tester |
| Coons | Markey | Van Hollen |
| Cortez Masto | Menendez | Warner |
| Duckworth | Merkley | Warnock |
| Durbin | Murphy | Warren |
| Feinstein | Murray | Whitehouse |
| Gillibrand | Ossoff | Wyden |
| Graham | Padilla | |
| Hassan | Peters | |

NAYS—47

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| Barrasso | Hagerty | Risch |
| Blackburn | Hawley | Romney |
| Blunt | Hoeben | Rounds |
| Boozman | Hyde-Smith | Rubio |
| Braun | Inhofe | Sasse |
| Capito | Johnson | Scott (FL) |
| Cassidy | Kennedy | Scott (SC) |
| Cornyn | Lankford | Shelby |
| Cotton | Lee | Sullivan |
| Cramer | Lummis | Thune |
| Crapo | Marshall | Tillis |
| Cruz | McConnell | Toomey |
| Daines | Moran | Tuberville |
| Ernst | Murkowski | Wicker |
| Fischer | Paul | Young |
| Grassley | Portman | |

NOT VOTING—1

Burr

The nomination was confirmed.

(Mr. KING assumed the Chair.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. VAN HOLLEN). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session. The majority leader.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I have an update on today's floor schedule. At 1:45, the Senate was scheduled to hold a procedural vote related to a shell legislative vehicle we could use to pass COVID response funding. Our Republican colleagues have requested that we do not hold a cloture vote on the mo-

tion to proceed at the present as we are getting close to a final agreement that would garner bipartisan support.

We are working diligently to finalize language, scoring, and a final agreement on what should be funded in the final COVID package, both domestic and international. As a sign of good faith and to encourage us to come to a final agreement, I will reschedule today's procedural vote to a later time.

H.R. 4373

Mr. President, now, when it comes to replenishing COVID response funding, we simply cannot afford to kick the can down the road. We need more money right away so we have enough vaccines and testing and lifesaving therapeutics.

We want our communities to go back to normal and stay normal.

If a new virus comes—if a new variant comes, and we are not prepared, we could lose that ability to go back to normality, for our schools to stay open, for events to occur, for people to gather. We don't want to do that.

Well, the best way to avoid that from happening if, God forbid, a new variant comes—and it is likely that it will—is to have us prepared, and this COVID legislation has us prepared by having an adequate supply of these new, almost miraculous therapeutics that can greatly reduce the severity of any illness and that can be given right after testing.

We need tests, and we need to make sure that the vaccines we have are ready and updated. We can't wait. We can't wait until COVID is upon us to do this.

The prospect of not being prepared is scary, and Americans should all—Democrats, Republicans—be able to unite in making sure we are prepared. We need to get COVID funding done for the country before the end of the work period. It is very much needed, and so we are going to keep talking with the Republicans so we can hopefully agree to a robust package that keeps our country prepared.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 4373

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the cloture motion with respect to the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 310, H.R. 4373, ripen at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Republican leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SAVE THE LIBERTY THEATRE ACT OF 2021

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 309, H.R. 3197.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3197) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the City of Eunice, Louisiana, certain Federal land in Louisiana, and for other purposes.